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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I live in a rural community and have had the same local carrier for 10 years, I know the people who work there, I can call them, they help me when I need help and I am happy with their services.

I am a small business owner and DEPEND on their services. We NEED bridge 2 broadband and I cannot afford a price hike if a big corporate company takes over and has the monopoly! In rural areas there are MANY small businesses like the one I own, we want to be able to support an other local business, our local internet provider as we understand the importance of supporting local businesses.

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